THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The decision was taken on 17th November, 2005.

(c) The Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) has been launched on 3rd December, 2005 and the same is under implementation.

(d) The Government of India has to commit Rs. 50,000 crore over a period of seven years beginning from 2005-06, against an amount of rupees one lakh crore proposed investment. Rs. 834.00 crore and Rs. 4953.93 crore have been allocated (excluding provision for Union Territories with legislature and Union Territories without legislature) for the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 respectively. The balance out of Rs. 50,000 crore is expected to be provided in the remaining years by the Government of India.

Bio-medical Waste Unit

†1906. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government sought proposals for two hospitals each from every State for approval of bio-medical waste unit;

(b) the basis of this criterion; and

(c) whether it is not apt to set benchmarks of State population, the number of hospitals or the number of sanctioned beds in hospitals for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has invited proposals for setting up of pilot project/demonstration project on bio-medical waste management.

(b) and (c) The aim of the scheme is to implement pilot projects to have a demonstration effect by providing financial assistance to identified

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

hospitals/institutions under Central/State Government. The financial assistance is, therefore, limited to Rs. 85 lakh per hospital or Rs. 1.5 crore per State/U.T.

Buildings collapse in Mumbai rain

1907. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the context of a number of buildings having collapsed following the heavy rains this year in Mumbai, Central Government had asked Covernment of Maharashtra to undertake indentification of what they called "cessed building" classified as dangerous in Mumbai and to have them vacated, pulled down and reconstructed;

(b) whether the State Government of Maharashtra had sought Central aid for the project;

(c) if so, the said sought, the number of dangerous houses so identified and classified, the number of persons and families displaced and the tenements evacuated and reconstructed; and

(d) the Central Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir. The State Government of Maharashtra, on its own, identified cessed buildings in dangerous condition.

(b) The Government of Maharashtra have not submitted Detailed Project Report for Central assistance under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM).

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The proposal will be considered as and when the same is received in accordance with the prescribed guidelines under JNNURM.